

Wetherby Lent Lectures



Exploring **Christian Faith** in relation to important contemporary issues

A series of 3 Lent talks to be held at Wetherby Methodist Church, commencing at 7.30pm

The talks have been arranged by St James' Church & Wetherby Methodist Church and everyone is welcome from any church or none. Refreshments will be served.

John Battle - 20 March, *Faith and Politics*



Bradford born, a devout Catholic, and a BA First class honours in English. John gained a seat on the City of Leeds Council in 1980. He chaired the innovative Industry & Employment Committee and later the Housing Committee, and was national coordinator for Church Action on poverty in 1983. He was elected to Leeds West in 1987 election and is now working on community projects such as Bramley Baths & Leeds Citizens. John is a fellow of Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford, and a patron of the International Young Leaders Network.

Professor Sue Proctor - 27 March, *Faith & Safeguarding*



Since leaving the diocese in 2013, Sue led the investigation into Jimmy Savile and Leeds General Infirmary, and as a result of that, wrote a paper for Archbishop Sentamu on what she believed the church could learn from this. Subsequently, the Archbishop asked her to chair the Safeguarding Group for York Diocese, which she took on in 2015. Last year Sue was asked by Bishop James Langstaff (Diocese of Rochester) to lead a review of a former church run children's home, Kendal House, where there had been allegations of abuse.

Dr Richard Vautrey - 3 April, *Faith and Medicine*



A former Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Dr Richard Vautrey is currently deputy chair of the British Medical Association General Practitioners Committee and a nationally elected member of both BMA Council and the Royal College of General Practitioners Council. He is a GP in Leeds and assistant medical secretary of Leeds Local Medical Committee.